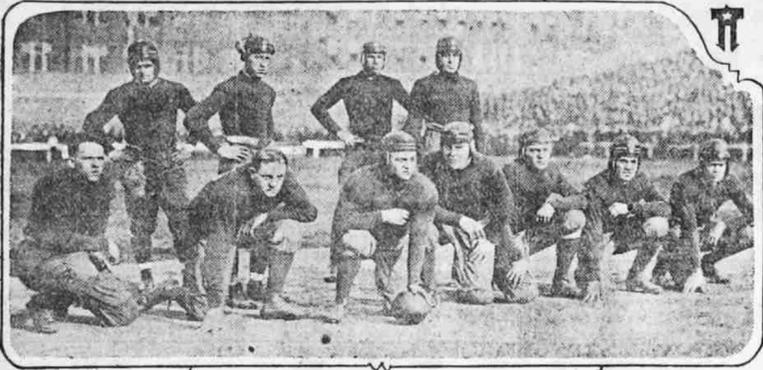


TRAP SHOOTING, BOXING, WRESTLING

SPORTING NEWS

BASEBALL, AUTOS, LAWN TENNIS, GOLF

CAMP SHERMAN HAS ONE OF BEST CANTONMENT TEAMS



The all-star football team at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O.

Japanese Long Distance Runner Will Be Opponent Worthy of Mention in Future

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—That the Japanese long distance runner will be a formidable opponent in future international track and road races is amply demonstrated by the details of the latest marathon race held in the land of the rising sun. The run which was between Yokohama and a suburban park over a twenty-five-mile course and the winner covered the full distance in 2 hours 30 minutes 13 seconds. Of the thirty starters all but six finished the race and the majority reached the mark in good physical condition. While this is not the best time made in a marathon race in Japan it is a record for that distance. During 1913 a Japanese runner ran the full marathon distance of 26 miles, 385 yards in 2 hours 31 minutes 28 seconds, in a trial race held in connection with early preparation for the Olympic Games, scheduled at that time to be staged at Berlin in 1916. This time is better than that made by any winner of a marathon race held at Olympic Games since the initial revival of this classic track and field meet at Athens in 1896. The record of 2:30:12 for the twenty-five miles is not equal to the best time made in the Boston A. A. marathon race, staged annually at Boston since 1897. This contest is also run over a twenty-five-mile course and the best time was made in 1912, when M. J. Ryan, of the New York-Irish American A. C. won in 2:21:15.5. The speed in the Japanese race, however, is fully up to the average in the Boston event and far ahead of the record for the first American marathon which was won in 3:25:55.3-5 at New York in 1898.

the last week in December, are being distributed. The officers of the National association expect a number of entries from various parts of the coast and middle west, as the tournament will be played during the holiday recesses and will not conflict with the scholastic duties of the entrants.

Penn's Annual Relay Carnival to Be Staged In April, 1918

The University of Pennsylvania Athletic association has decided to stage the annual relay carnival next April as usual and the final races will be held the last Saturday of that month unless unforeseen events should cause a change in the date. This track and field meet, which has grown to be the biggest inter-collegiate athletic contest of the year, has a recent seasons been divided into a two-day program but it is uncertain at this time whether that schedule will be adhered to or the April races confined to one day. Much will depend upon the class and number of entries received. If there is a loss in college entrants the schoolboy athletes will be featured.

Mile-a-minute Boat, Once a Dream, Has Been Surpassed

Although the mile-a-minute boat was considered more or less of a dream until recent years, this speed has been surpassed in the past two seasons in actual racing and now the standard has been set at better than seventy miles per hour. The new records, which were made in tests against time, were clocked at Lake George, where late last month the twenty-eight foot hydroplane Whip-poor-Will, owned by an officer of the American Power Boat association, covered a measured mile in 51.35 seconds or at an average of 70.15 miles per hour. Six short mile dashes were made the first day and the average was 64.74 miles per hour while the average of the second day's tests was 69.39 miles per hour with two of the mile sprints showing an average of better than 70 miles per hour.

HERRMANN CALLS MEETING FOR DEC. 13 CINCINNATI, Dec. 7.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National baseball commission, said tonight the joint conference between the National and American leagues would be held next Thursday in Chicago as originally scheduled.

"If one or two of our eastern owners feel that they can not attend, we will hold the meeting without them," Mr. Herrmann said. Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburg, Branch Rickey of St. Louis, and Charles Weeghman of Chicago, according to Mr. Herrmann, favored an immediate meeting with the American league.

WILL MEET CADDOCK. CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Jack Curley, manager of Hussitt Hussanne, passed through town today on his way to Des Moines, where the Turk wrestles Earl Caddock. Curley said he is confident he will bring back the new champion. It is believed Caddock is not at his best, due to recent illness, and that Hussane, fit as only nature can fit one, is out to win.

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UNCLE SAM GETS SUM FOR RACING

Six-day Bicycle Race Brings in \$8000 to Government—Several Break Down.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The six-day bicycle race is putting a handsome penny into Uncle Sam's coffers. It doesn't compare with his expenditures, but the \$8000 raked in as war tax on the 120,000 admissions is nearly fifty-fifty with the profits of the promoters of the enterprise, whose free list has been very large.

One of the many reasons assigned for the great success of this year's bicycle race is the fact that two sprints have been staged daily in comparison with one last year. This has caused the race to become a bitterly contested match instead of 144 hours of dull, dead plugging.

It has made the spectacle more interesting to the crowds that have jammed Madison Square Garden, but it has worked havoc with the teams. The terrific strain of going at nearly full speed all the time has caused the breakdown of several combinations.

The Belgian duo, pushed day and night to keep pace with the field, finally fell a lap behind; and as a result decided to drop out of the race. The "hard boiled egg" team, a championship combination after losing Kramer, and the Dutch duo, pushed the field hard to gain a lap lost, but instead of regaining one, it has lost two.

At the one hundred and twentieth hour, midnight, eight of the teams had traveled 2104 miles. One team was two laps and one team three laps behind. Madden leading. The record, 2349 miles two laps, made by Moran and McNamara in 1914.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB OPTION IS GIVEN

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—A syndicate of local men has taken an option on the Indianapolis club of the American association, and have obtained a price from J. C. McMill, who, with his uncle, William S. Smith of New York, owns 85 per cent of the stock.

The option and price were obtained by Jack Hendricks, manager of the club, who made a trip to Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, to confer with Owner McMill. Manager Hendricks said the men who had sent him to Memphis did not wish their names made public at this time.

Purdue and Indiana May Sever Athletic Relations

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 8.—In all probabilities Purdue and Indiana will sever athletic relations as a result of a bitter controversy now raging between students and athletic authorities of the rival schools.

Indiana strongly resents Purdue's action in calling the conference eligible committee's attention to two ineligible Indiana football players, the committee having declared both of the accused men disqualified.

NAP LAJOIE TO SPRING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The announcement of Honus Wagner's permanent retirement from baseball comes reports today that Napoleon Lajoie is to do the "come back" stunt. He retired from the major league last season. Last year he batted .380 in the International league and if he steps back on the large circuit, probably with the New York Americans, he will have the chance to show those who had said that after fifteen years in the majors the best in him was gone.

BILL WEART DEAD PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—William G. Weart, one of the best known baseball writers in the country, died at his home in this city. Death was due to typhoid pneumonia. He was secretary of the Baseball Writers' association of America. He was born in Independence, Ia.

THE VOLUNTEER By Faith Baldwin of The Vigilantes You shall return to me—the golden Sun Is not more true to Dawn than you to me, Love crowns you with new Immortality; And when your clean, just battling is done,

JOINT MEETING IS AGREED TO

President John K. Tener of National League to Meet With Americans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—In answer to an urgent plea by August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, to reconsider his views on the question of a joint meeting of the two major leagues in Chicago next Thursday, President John K. Tener of the National league tonight agreed to such a joint meeting with the American league within the next ten days.

"However, we can not meet with the American league in Chicago next Thursday," said President Tener. According to Mr. Tener, Herrmann deems a joint meeting of the two leagues to be of vital importance before the beginning of next year.

Formal Presentation of Trophies to B. Y. C.

PROVO, Dec. 7.—Lieut. Alma W. Richards formally presented his trophy cups, statuettes, gold, silver and bronze medals and other trophies won by him during the past few years in athletic competitions in all parts of the United States and Stockholm, Sweden, to the Brigham Young university today, amid the cheers of his former schoolmates and teachers.

The collection is conservatively estimated at a value of \$3000 and more than sixty different trophies may be numbered in the collection. Miss Ivis Gardner, president of the student body, made the acceptance speech in behalf of the school.

College hall was packed at the time and the students demonstrated very forcefully that they appreciated what Richards has done for the local school. At the meeting the students elected Elijah Hicken as vice president of the student body to take the place vacated by James Gregerson, who has enlisted.

NATIONAL HAS TOO MUCH OF ITS OWN

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—President Johnson of the American league was officially advised tonight by John K. Tener, president of the National league, that the joint meeting of the two organizations, scheduled to be held here next Thursday, has been called off.

President Tener suggested that the meeting be held later in the month or early in January, but there is no indication that the American league will agree to this proposal.

President Tener explained that the National league which meets in New York next Tuesday, probably would be unable to finish its business in time to come on to Chicago for the meeting. The American leaguers will hold their annual meeting here next Wednesday.

FIRST HOLE IN ONE

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 7.—The 145-yard sixth hole of the No. 2 course at Pinehurst was made in one by Forrest von Cannon, local banker and member of the Moore Country club. This is the first hole to be made in one here this winter. Last year four were achieved, a record number for Pinehurst.

TOO NEAR BOTHAM FOR RACES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—There will be no horse racing at either Sheephead Bay or Gravesend, according to state-ments made today to the stewards of the Jockey club. The chief reason for this decision is their belief that racing so near the heart of Greater New York would be bad for the city.

Advertisement for BECCO BEER. Features a woman in a dress holding a tray with a bottle of Becco beer. Text: DRINK BECCO BETTER THAN BEER. The sinews of a nation—the health, strength and happiness of a community depend to a great extent on its eating and drinking. There's one drink that is so healthful and nutritious that it has been called "liquid food"—It's Becker's BECCO! For old and young—Everybody likes BECCO! It's better by test than all the rest. If your dealer can't supply BECCO, order direct—Becker Manufacturing Company OGDEN, UTAH

SACRAMENTO'S ATTITUDE TIRING

Coast Magnates Want Capital City to Put Up Cash or Cancel the Deal.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—The story comes from San Francisco that the magnates of the city are tiring of Sacramento's dictatorial attitude, and are going to demand that the city either put up the cash to transfer the Portland team, and at once, or forget it. This seems to put an end to the theory that the Coast league magnates intended to raise the money themselves, which would be necessary to make the deal.

In fact, Judge McCredie, before he left for Seattle tonight, admitted what caused Charlie Graham to utter the mysterious prophecy that a new league had been proposed which might bring the team to Sacramento without local people spending any money. Graham did this about a week ago after it was announced earlier that Sacramento was through. Judge McCredie admitted that he had received a wire from Graham, asking him and Walter to bring the team there and run it themselves.

Being hard-headed business men, and realizing what Sacramento would draw the McCredies did not even bother to answer the telegram. Judge McCredie has already written President Baum of the scheme proposed to him by a local fan, of keeping teams for two weeks at a stretch, and doing the same thing at Salt Lake. This, he believes, would make a big difference in the traveling expenses, without affecting the gate to any extent.

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Catch-as-Catch-Can Wrestling Tourney Being Held to Decide Champion

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—For the first time in the history of catch-as-catch-can wrestling a tournament is being held today to decide the champion of this class. This big event of the wrestling world is in progress at the Lexington theater and will continue for three weeks. When the final night arrives there will be no question as to which wrestler is entitled to be crowned champion of the world. This tournament differs from any other event of its kind ever held in this country or on the other side of the ocean.

As a rule in every tournament there is a champion who is always willing to defend his laurels. In the present tournament there is no real title-holder, for the gladiator that possessed that honor, Frank Gotch, is through forever with the wrestling game. His retirement therefore leaves the post of championship vacant, and it is for that reason that the tournament is being held to create a worthy successor to the great American farmer.

Gotch Has Retired. Since it is known that Gotch has passed forever from the mat, each of the leading contestants presented themselves with the title of world's champion. It was next to impossible to get them to agree on some system whereby the rightful title-holder would be acclaimed, so it was decided the only proper way would be to bring

them all together and let them battle it out among themselves. Under this system there can be no question of superiority, for every individual entered will have to meet every other man in the finish match. Therefore, the process of elimination is bound to bring forth the champion of champions.

To make it worth the time and trouble of these aspirants for the world's honors, the management is hanging up a purse of \$5,000 and a gold belt to the winner; \$5,000 more will be distributed in prizes to the next five men on the list.

Leading Grapplers Enter. George Bothner, the famous wrestling authority (wrestler 123456 123456), will act as referee in all the big matches. This guarantees fair play to both the contestants, for Bothner's reputation as referee of many years' standing is without a blemish.

In the list of contestants will be found Wladek Zbyszko, the Polish Hercules; Earl Caddock, the sensational westerner; "Strangler" Lewis, Hussif Hussane, the bone crusher of the Bak kans; Joe Rogers, the American giant; Demetris Toglalos, the Greek strong man; Jess Westergaard, American, the clever Maryland grappler, and thirty others of international fame.

A practical joke is hardly ever funny when the joke is on the first person singular.

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